

MEETING OF THE  
TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL

6 MAY 2014

Present:- Councillor V E Guglielmi (Chairman of the Council), Councillor F H Nicholls (Vice-Chairman of the Council), Councillor D J Aldis, Councillor C D Amos, Councillor J Broderick, Councillor N Brown, Councillor R J Bucke, Councillor G J Caines, Councillor C Callender, Councillor R Callender, Councillor G W J Calver, Councillor D J Casey, Councillor S H Challinor, Councillor J B Chapman, Councillor A F W Colbourne, Councillor M A Cossens, Councillor P G De Vaux Balbirnie, Councillor T J Fawcett, Councillor A Goggin, Councillor C W Griffiths, Councillor G V Guglielmi, Councillor J Hawkins, Councillor R A Heaney, Councillor I J Henderson, Councillor J Henderson, Councillor P B Honeywood, Councillor S A Honeywood, Councillor T A Howard, Councillor I Johnson, Councillor D R Mayzes, Councillor D P McLeod, Councillor L A McWilliams, Councillor M D Miles, Councillor G L Mitchell, Councillor D Oxley, Councillor P J Oxley, Councillor M J Page, Councillor M R Patten, Councillor M E Platt, Councillor J A Powell, Councillor S J Richardson, Councillor P I Sambridge, Councillor G G I Scott, Councillor K Simons, Councillor D C Skeels, Councillor M J D Skeels, Councillor G D Steady, Councillor M J Talbot, Councillor N W Turner, Councillor G F Watling, Councillor J F White, Councillor C P Winfield, Councillor A I Wood

In Attendance:- Chief Executive (Ian Davidson), Corporate Director (Corporate Services) (Martyn Knappett), Corporate Director (Public Experience) (June Clare), Democratic Services Manager (Colin Sweeney), Legal Services Manager and Monitoring Officer (Lisa Hastings), Management and Members' Support Manager (Karen Neath), Communications and Public Relations Manager (Nigel Brown), Senior Democratic Services Officer (Ian Ford) and Democratic Services Officer (Janey Nice)

(7.30 p.m. - 8.11 p.m.)  
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1.. CHAIR

The Chair was occupied by the Vice-Chairman of the Council (Councillor V E Guglielmi) who, in accordance with the provisions of Section 3(2) of the Local Government Act 1972, chaired the meeting in the absence of the retiring Chairman, Councillor Stock, until his successor became entitled to act as Chairman.

2. SILENT TRIBUTE

All persons present stood in silent tribute to the memory of the late Councillor Sarah Candy.

Councillors Turner, Hawkins (on behalf of the Labour Group), Watling, P J Oxley, Sambridge, G V Guglielmi and Mitchell each paid tribute to Sarah Candy's memory and her work as a member of the Council.

Condolences were also given to Councillors I J Henderson and Tracey on the recent loss of their respective mothers and to Councillor Talbot on the recent loss of his daughter-in-law.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE RETIRING CHAIRMAN

The Chief Executive, on behalf of Councillor Stock, thanked all those who had sent

messages of support and condolence to Councillor Stock.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors S S Mayzes, Shearing, Stock and Tracey.

5. TO ELECT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE 2014/2015 MUNICIPAL YEAR

It was moved by Councillor Goggin, seconded by Councillor Page and:

RESOLVED that, pursuant to Section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, Councillor V E Guglielmi be elected Chairman of the Council for the 2014/2015 municipal year.

Councillor Guglielmi was thereupon invested with the badge and Chain of Office and made a Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

After thanking the Council for the honour they had bestowed upon her, the Chairman paid tribute to her predecessor in office, Councillor Stock. She also thanked Officers, and in particular, Sarah Creelman, the former Chairman's Secretary, for all the help she had received during her term as Vice-Chairman of the Council. Councillor Guglielmi went on to state that she was very much looking forward to working with the new civic affairs team of Karen Neath, Sally Cornish and Ashley Wood.

6. TO ELECT THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE 2014/2015 MUNICIPAL YEAR

It was moved by Councillor Heaney, seconded by Councillor Page and:

RESOLVED that, pursuant to Section 5(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, Councillor Nicholls be elected Vice-Chairman of the Council for the 2014/2015 municipal year.

Councillor Nicholls was thereupon invested with the Vice-Chairman's Badge of Office, made a Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office, expressed his thanks to his mover and seconder and to the Council for their support. He paid tribute to his predecessor in office Councillor V E Guglielmi and her consort Councillor G V Guglielmi. Councillor Nicholls pledged that he and his wife would do their utmost to support the Chairman during her year in office.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman informed Members that the theme for her year in office would be "Building a Future for Young People" and that she would inform Council at its next meeting of her chosen Charity for her year in office. She further informed Members that her Chaplain for the municipal year would be the Reverend Pat Presley.

The Chairman informed Members of the following dates for their diaries:

- (1) V E Day Service at Clacton war Memorial on Thursday 8 May 2014;
- (2) Womens' Cycle Tour and Tour de Tendring – Friday 9 May and Sunday 11 May 2014;
- and
- (3) Clacton Air Show on Thursday 21 and Friday 22 August 2014.

The Chairman was pleased to announce that she had accepted an invitation to be a Patron of the Tendring and Colchester Grass Roots charity.

Finally, the Chairman invited Members and Officers to join her in the Chairman's Parlour after the meeting for refreshments.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

There were none on this occasion.

9. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES FOR THE 2014/2015 MUNICIPAL YEAR

(a) Appointment of Standing Committees and Sub-Committees subject to the Widdicombe Rules

The Council had before it a schedule of Members that it was proposed should serve on each of the Council standing Committees and Sub-Committees, which were subject to the Widdicombe Rules.

It was moved by Councillor Page, seconded by Councillor Turner and:

RESOLVED that the standing Committees and Sub-Committees of the Council, subject to the Widdicombe Rules be, and are, hereby appointed for the 2014/2015 municipal year and that their membership be as set out hereunder:

Audit Committee

Councillors Challinor, Griffiths, I J Henderson, D C Skeels and Talbot.

Community Leadership and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee

Councillors Amos, C Callender, Hawkins, Howard, Miles, Patten, Pugh and Tracey.

Corporate Management Committee

Councillors Bucke, Caines, R Callender, Challinor, V E Guglielmi, Nicholls, Steady and Wood.

Council Tax Committee

Councillors Amos, Bucke, Caines, Nicholls and Page.

Education and Skills Committee

Councillors Aldis, C Callender, Chapman, V E Guglielmi, Miles, Richardson, Tracey and Watling.

Human Resources Committee

Councillors Amos, Broderick, C Callender, R Callender, Calver, Chapman, Colbourne, Griffiths, Heaney, J Henderson, S A Honeywood, Richardson, Scott and Tracey.

Licensing Committee

Councillors Caines, Casey, Colbourne, Cossens, De-Vaux Balbirnie, Fawcett, Mitchell, Powell, Pugh, Sambridge, Shearing, D C Skeels, M J D Skeels, Winfield and Wood.

Local Plan Committee

Councillors Amos, Broderick, R Callender, De-Vaux Balbirnie, G V Guglielmi, V E Guglielmi, Hawkins, I J Henderson, Howard, McWilliams, Nicholls, Richardson and Shearing.

Planning Committee

Councillors Broderick, Brown, Challinor, Fawcett, Heaney, Johnson, McLeod, Mitchell, Simons, Watling and White.

Regulatory Committee

Councillors C Callender, R Callender, Colbourne, Cossens, S A Honeywood, King, McLeod, Nicholls, D Oxley, Richardson, Scott, Simons, M J D Skeels and Steady.

Service Development and Delivery Scrutiny Committee

Councillors Aldis, R Callender, Challinor, Colbourne, D R Mayzes, D Oxley, Simons and Talbot.

Standards Committee

Councillors Hawkins, Heaney, P B Honeywood, Johnson, Nicholls, Stock and White.

Appeals Sub-Committee

Councillors Aldis, Broderick, S A Honeywood, Nicholls, M J D Skeels and Simons.

Licensing (General Purposes) Sub-Committee

Councillors Casey, De-Vaux Balbirnie, Fawcett, Mitchell, Powell, Pugh, Sambridge and D C Skeels.

(b) Appointment of the Premises/Personal Licences Sub-Committees

The Council had before it a schedule of Members that it was proposed should serve on the Premises/Personal Licences Sub-Committees, which were not subject to the Widdicombe Rules.

It was moved by Councillor Page, seconded by Councillor Turner and:

RESOLVED that the Premises/Personal Licences Sub-Committees be, and are, hereby appointed for the 2014/2015 municipal year and that their membership be as set out hereunder:

Premises/Personal Licences Sub-Committee 'A'

Councillors Casey, Colbourne and Powell.

Premises/Personal Licences Sub-Committee 'B'

Councillors Mitchell, Sambridge and Shearing.

Premises/Personal Licences Sub-Committee 'C'

Councillors De-Vaux Balbirnie, Fawcett and Sambridge.

(c) Appointment of the Town and Parish Councils Standards Sub-Committee

It was moved by Councillor Page, seconded by Councillor Turner and:

RESOLVED that the Town and Parish Councils Standards Sub-Committee be, and is, hereby appointed for the 2014/2015 municipal year and that its membership be as set out hereunder:

Councillors P B Honeywood, Nicholls and White.

(d) Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the Standing Committees and Sub-Committees subject to the Widdicombe Rules and Chairmen of the Premises/Personal Licences Sub-Committees

It was moved by Councillor Page, seconded by Councillor Nicholls and:

RESOLVED that the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the standing Committees and Sub-Committees subject to the Widdicombe Rules and the Chairmen of the Premises/Personal Licences Sub-Committees be elected and appointed respectively for the 2014/2015 municipal year as follows:

Committee/Sub-Committee

Audit  
Community Leadership and Partnerships  
Corporate Management  
Council Tax  
Education and Skills  
Human Resources  
Licensing  
Local Plan  
Planning  
Regulatory  
Service Development and Delivery  
Standards  
Appeals Sub-Committee  
Licensing (General Purposes) Sub-Committee  
Premises/Personal Licences Sub-Committee 'A'  
Premises/Personal Licences Sub-Committee 'B'  
Premises/Personal Licences Sub-Committee 'C'

Chairmen

Griffiths  
Miles  
Steady  
Page  
Watling  
R Callender  
Fawcett  
G V Guglielmi  
Heaney  
S A Honeywood  
Challinor  
Stock  
S A Honeywood  
D C Skeels  
Colbourne

Mitchell  
Sambridge

Vice-Chairmen

D C Skeels  
Patten  
V E Guglielmi  
Nicholls  
Miles  
Griffiths  
Sambridge  
R Callender  
Challinor  
Nicholls  
D R Mayzes  
Heaney  
M J D Skeels  
Fawcett  
n/a  
n/a  
n/a

10. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES: PROPOSED WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2014/2015 AND A REVIEW OF THE WORK CARRIED OUT DURING THE PERIOD MAY 2013 TO APRIL 2014

The Council considered a report which sought its approval to a proposed work programme for the Community Leadership and Partnerships Committee, the Corporate Management Committee and the Service Development and Delivery Committee for the 2014/2015 municipal year and which reviewed the work carried out by those Committees during the period May 2013 to April 2014.

It was moved by Councillor Page, seconded by Councillor Turner and:

RESOLVED that the proposed work programmes for the Community Leadership and Partnerships Committee, the Corporate Management Committee and the Service Development and Delivery Committee for the 2014/2015 municipal year and the review of the work carried out by those three Committees in the period May 2013 to April 2014, as set out in Appendices A2A and A2B to item A.1 of the References from Committees, be approved.

11. PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS: 2014/2015 MUNICIPAL YEAR

The Council gave consideration to a proposed timetable of meetings of the Council, the Audit Committee, the Community Leadership and Partnerships Committee, the Corporate Management Committee, the Council Tax Committee, the Education and Skills Committee, the Local Plan Committee, the Planning Committee, the Service Development and Delivery Committee and the Standards Committee for the 2014/2015 municipal year.

It was moved by Councillor G V Guglielmi, seconded by Councillor Page and:-

RESOLVED that the programme of meetings of the Council and the Committees, as set out in the Appendix to item A.2 of the Reference from Cabinet, be approved.

12. THE LATE COUNCILLOR SARAH CANDY

The Chief Executive formally reported the death of Councillor Sarah Candy. He informed the Council that notice of the vacancy in the Manningtree, Mistley, Little Bentley and Tendring Ward would be given in due course.

The Council noted the foregoing.

13. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSON AND INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL UPDATE

Independent Persons

The Council was aware that the Localism Act 2011 required each local authority to appoint an Independent Person (IP) to work with the Council's Monitoring Officer within the Standards Framework. At its meeting held on 26 November 2013, as part of the adoption of new conduct arrangements, Council had resolved that the current IP role would terminate with effect from 6 May 2014.

It was reported that since those new arrangements had been put into place, the Council's Monitoring Officer had commenced a recruitment exercise, which had been approved by the Council's Standards Committee. However, a very low response had been received. Feedback the Monitoring Officer had received had identified the lack of an allowance allocated for the role especially as it was desired that applicants applied from outside of the District. As a result the Monitoring Officer had reviewed the position at other Authorities and considered that an allowance to cover all expenses of £600 (funded from within existing budgets) would be an acceptable sum. Members were reminded that the IP must be available for the Monitoring Officer to consult with regarding any complaint received against District, Town and Parish Councillors. The allowance therefore, gave a degree of commitment to the role and support to the Monitoring Officer. It was therefore proposed that the recruitment exercise be repeated with the allowance being referred to in the application pack.

Members were aware that Mr John Wolton had been appointed as the Council's IP at the full Council meeting on 3 July 2012 (Minute 32 referred) and remained as such until 6 May 2014. It was reported that although it was envisaged that the recruitment exercise would be repeated with interviews taking place before the next Council meeting, it was suggested that Mr Wolton's appointment be extended until 30 September 2014, in order to provide continuity and additional time should it be required.

Independent Remuneration Panel

Council was reminded that, at its meeting held on 17 May 2011, the Annual Review of the Scheme of Members' Allowances by the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) had been considered and Council had resolved that a scheme of indexation be introduced for allowances commencing in May 2012, May 2013 and May 2014 and:

"That Officers bring forward to a future Council meeting a report on the options for the provision of an Independent Remuneration Panel following the expiry of the term of appointment of the current members of the Tendring District Council Independent Remuneration Panel."

It was reported that the term of the IRP had ended on 30 June 2012 and, following this, a recruitment exercise had been conducted for a new panel. However, interest had been extremely limited and had not delivered sufficient candidates to form a Panel. Alternatively, legislation allowed the Council to jointly appoint a Panel with another Authority. To that end, approaches had been made to nearby district councils both within Essex and Suffolk

and to Essex County Council. However, it had not proved possible to find another Council able to move forward with a jointly appointed panel.

Members were informed that given the difficulties experienced in attracting independent people to participate in both the standards arrangements and the recommending of Members' allowances, it was proposed to utilise the re-advertisement for the IPs to recruit people to undertake both this and the IRP role. Members were reminded that Council had agreed to have three IPs and there were three people required for the IRP. The Monitoring Officer did not consider that there would be any conflict of interest should those roles be combined and legislation did not prohibit it.

It was also suggested that the proposed allowance of £600 for each IP would also encompass the IRP role. If agreed, costs would be £1,800 per year which would be funded using the £500 per annum already in the budget for the IRP plus a further £1,300 to be found within existing budgets.

The new IRP would commence a review of Members' allowances and report back to the Annual Council meeting in May 2015.

It was moved by Councillor Page, seconded by Councillor Turner and:

RESOLVED that

(a) the appointment of three individuals to undertake the dual role of Independent Persons and the Independent Remuneration Panel be agreed;

(b) with immediate effect an annual allowance of £600 be allocated for each individual undertaking the dual role of Independent Person and Independent Remuneration Panel member; and

(c) the appointment of John Wolton, as the current Independent Person be extended until 30 September 2014.

14. TO CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

(1) Annual Treasury Strategy 2014/15 (including Prudential and Treasury Indicators)

The Council had before it the Cabinet minute of 28 February 2014, as set out in the Council agenda, and considered whether to approve the Annual Treasury Strategy for 2014/2015. It was moved by Councillor P J Oxley, seconded by Councillor Patten and:

RESOLVED that the Annual Treasury Strategy for 2014/15 (including Prudential and Treasury Indicators) be approved.

(2) Establishing an Education and Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Council had before it the Cabinet minute of 28 February 2014, as set out in the Council agenda, and considered whether to approve the establishment of an Education and Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

It was moved by Councillor Page, seconded by Councillor Turner and:

RESOLVED that

(a) A dedicated Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Education and Skills, be established;

(b) The Terms of Reference for this new Committee be agreed as set out in the Report of



the Planning and Corporate Services Portfolio Holder submitted to Cabinet on 28 February 2014;

(c) The membership of the Committee be as set out below, including the Chairman and Vice-Chairman and that the option to include two non-voting Co-opted Members of the Committee, to be drawn from the Education community be approved:

Councillor Giles Watling (Chairman)  
Councillor Delyth Miles (Vice-Chairman)  
Councillor Delia Aldis  
Councillor Claire Callender  
Councillor Val Guglielmi  
Councillor Sara Richardson  
Councillor Irene Tracey  
One Independent Group Member to be appointed later

(d) Amendment to the Constitution be approved to allow a dedicated Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Education and Skills to be established;

(e) The Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Education and Skills be paid the same Special Responsibility Allowance as the Chairs of the Council's other Overview and Scrutiny Committees; and

(e) Members of the Committee have appropriate CRB checks and safeguarding training.

15. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the following Committees, as circulated, be received and noted:

(a) Corporate Management Committee of Wednesday 12 February 2014;

(b) Community Leadership and Partnerships Committee of Monday 24 February 2014;

(c) Human Resources Committee of Tuesday 25 February 2014; and

(d) Service Development and Delivery Committee of Monday 3 March 2014.

16. MOTIONS TO COUNCIL

There were none.

17. REFERENCE FROM THE CABINET

A.2 Progressing the Local Plan and establishing a Local Plan Committee

The Council considered a comprehensive reference report from the Cabinet that:

(a) Reported to the Council that objections to the Council's emerging Local Plan had been received from Essex County Council and Colchester Borough Council which identified fundamental issues that would need to be addressed before the Plan could be submitted to the Secretary of State to be examined by a Planning Inspector; and

(b) Sought Council's agreement to set up a dedicated 'Local Plan Committee' through a change to the Council's Constitution, to oversee the remaining stages of preparing the Local Plan, address the fundamental issues raised by objectors and deal with other aspects of planning policy work.

It was moved by Councillor G V Guglielmi and seconded by Councillor Page that:

(a) The Council notes that the 'Local Plan: Pre-Submission Focussed Changes' have attracted fundamental objections from Essex County Council and Colchester Borough Council questioning the Plan's conformity with the legal 'duty to cooperate' and the requirements of national planning policy; and

(b) The Council agrees the establishment of a new Local Plan Committee, through changes to the Council's Constitution, with the terms of reference and composition as set out in the Reference from Cabinet report and that Councillor G V Guglielmi be elected Chairman of the Committee and that Councillor R Callender be elected Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Councillor P J Oxley proposed that the size of the Committee be increased from 8 Members to 13 Members and that, in accordance with the rules of political proportionality, the composition of the Committee be 7 Conservative Group members, 1 Holland-on-Sea Resident Group member, 1 Independent Group member, 2 Labour Group members, 1 Liberal Democrat Group member and 1 Tendring First Group member.

The mover and seconder of the motion agreed to incorporate that proposal into the motion.

Councillor Guglielmi's motion, as amended, on being put to the vote was declared CARRIED.

18. REPORT OF THE PLANNING AND CORPORATE SERVICES PORTFOLIO HOLDER

A.3 Amendments to the Council's Constitution – Phase 1: Review of the Council's Procurement Rules; Property Dealing Procedure; Executive Procedure Rules and Delegated Powers Authorising Emergency Planning Enforcement to Officers

The Council considered a comprehensive report of the Planning and Corporate Services Portfolio Holder that sought its approval for proposed amendments to the Constitution in relation to the Procurement Rules, the Executive Procedure Rules, the Property Dealing Procedure and delegated powers authorising emergency planning enforcement to Officers.

It was moved by Councillor G V Guglielmi and seconded by Councillor Page that

(a) The adoption of the proposed changes to the Council's Procurement Rules, Property Dealing Policy and Executive Procedure Rules, as detailed at Appendices A, B and C respectively to the report of the Planning and Corporate Services Portfolio Holder be approved;

(b) Service of any Stop Notice or Temporary Stop Notice or any application for an injunction under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 and any associated matters be delegated to the Head of Planning, in consultation with the Legal Services Manager; and

(c) The Council's Constitution be amended accordingly to reflect the above changes.

Councillor Shearing moved and Councillor Howard seconded that Councillor Guglielmi's motion be amended by the addition of the following paragraph (d):

(d) The Council's Property Dealing Policy incorporate the following: "That for substantial disposals (over £50,000) at least two valuations be sought as part of the process and that consideration also be given to a similar report on re-allocations of use."

The amendment, on being put to the vote, was declared CARRIED.

The motion, as amended, on being put to the vote as a substantive motion was declared CARRIED.

19. REPORTS SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL BY AN OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

There were none.

20. REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

A.4 Membership of Committees

The Chief Executive formally reported that, in accordance with the wishes of the Leader of the Conservative Group and the authority delegated to him, the following appointments had been made:

Corporate Management Committee

Councillor R Callender had been appointed to serve in place of Councillor M Platt.

Human Resources Committee

Councillor S Richardson had been appointed to serve in place of the late Councillor A J Mitchell.

Licensing Committee

Councillor M Skeels had been appointed to serve in place of the late Councillor A J Mitchell.

Councillor A Wood had been appointed to serve in place of Councillor M Platt.

Regulatory Committee

Councillor S Richardson had been appointed to serve in place of the late Councillor G Downing.

Councillor M Skeels had been appointed to serve in place of Councillor M Platt.

Appeals Sub-Committee

Councillor M Skeels had been appointed to serve in place of Councillor M Platt.

Licensing (General Purposes) Sub-Committee

Councillor G Mitchell had been appointed to serve in place of Councillor M Platt.

The Council noted the foregoing.

A.5 Formation of a new Political Group of the Council

The Chief Executive reported that, on 11 March 2014, he had received a formal notice pursuant to Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 and signed by Councillors Joy Broderick, K T King and Colin Winfield stating that they wished to be treated as a political group for the purposes of the Local

Government and Housing Act 1989. The notice had further stated that the name of the group was to be the Holland-on-Sea Residents' Group and that the Leader of the Group was to be Councillor Joy Broderick.

Pursuant to Regulation 17(b) of the aforementioned Regulations a review of the allocation of seats to political groups would be carried out and, in accordance with the wishes of the Leader of the Holland-on-Sea Residents' Group and the Leader of the Independent Group and the authority delegated to him the appropriate changes to Committee etc. memberships would be made.

The Council noted the foregoing.

21. PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2014/15

Further to minute 21 (A.2) of the meeting of the Human Resources Committee held on 25 February 2014 the Council gave consideration to a proposed Pay Policy Statement for 2014/15 which would meet the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 (Section 38).

The Chief Executive declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in this item.

It was moved by Councillor Page, seconded by Councillor Turner and:-

RESOLVED that

(a) the Pay Policy Statement 2014/15, as set out in the Appendix to item A.6 of the Report of the Corporate Director (Corporate Services), be adopted with immediate effect; and

(b) costs be met from existing salary/vacancy provision within budgets.

22. TO CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

(3) Retail Relief Scheme for 2014/2015 and 2015/2016

Further to Minute 106 above, Councillors Cossens, De-Vaux Balbirnie, Goggin, G V Guglielmi, V E Guglielmi, Johnson, King, McLeod, Platt, Patten, Sambridge, D C Skeels, M J D Skeels, Stock and Winfield each declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in this item and withdrew from the meeting during the consideration thereof and the voting thereon. Councillor Hawkins declared a non-pecuniary interest in respect of this item and withdrew from the meeting during the consideration thereof and the voting thereon.

Also further to Minute 106 above Councillors Aldis, Scott, Shearing and Tracey each declared a non-pecuniary interest in respect of this item.

As the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman had both withdrawn, it was moved by Councillor Page, seconded by Councillor Watling and:

RESOLVED that Councillor Talbot chair the meeting for this item.

The Council had before it the Cabinet minute of 28 February 2014, as set out in the Council agenda, and considered whether to approve the introduction of a local Business Rates Retail Rate Relief Scheme for 2014/2015 and 2015/2016.

It was moved by Councillor P J Oxley, seconded by Councillor Page and:

RESOLVED that

(a) The retail rate relief scheme be introduced in accordance with the guidance outlined in

the Department for Communities and Local Government guidance document, issued in January 2014; and

(b) In respect of the Government's Flood Support Scheme, delegation be given to the Corporate Director (Life Opportunities) in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Benefits and Revenues to develop and implement the scheme.

23. QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 15.2

The Council had received questions from Members in relation to:

1. Control of Dogs;
2. Lighting of the High Street Car Park, Clacton-on-Sea;
3. Insurance for Members whilst on Council business;
4. Windblown sand on the Martello Bay Estate, Clacton-on-Sea;
5. The Council's input into the South East Local Enterprise Partnership's Growth Deal and Strategic Economic Plan;
6. Prosecutions and fixed penalty notices relating to Dog Fouling; and
7. Public meeting request in respect of Part Night Lighting.

Notice of the questions had been given in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15.4(a).

Chairman